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Statement by Armenia

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Kiribati and appreciates numerous improvements in the promotion of human rights since its first review. We note the steps undertaken to eliminate gender based violence and to promote the rights of persons with disabilities, as well as the steps to increase cooperation with the international human rights mechanisms and procedures.

We welcome Kiribati's readiness to accede to the international human rights instruments to which it is not party yet. Armenia particularly attaches high importance to the ratification of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

We also note with appreciation that people in Kiribati have free access to medical services. However, we also note that despite the initiatives to improve the protection of the right to health in Kiribati, there still remain number of challenges to be addressed:

Therefore, we have two recommendations for Kiribati:

- 1) To accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,
- 2) To further promote the right to health in Kiribati, in particular, by providing access to essential healthcare facilities.